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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL REJECTION

Sir:

In response to the Office action of 02/02/2006, setting a three month shortened statutory period of reply, and the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment of 02/02/2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows. Notice stated that the amendment of 01/17/2006 was unsigned. The present amendment is identical to that of 01/17/2006.

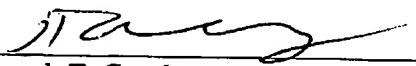
Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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